#### § 300.555

# § 300.555 Technical assistance and training activities.

Each SEA shall carry out activities to ensure that teachers and administrators in all public agencies—

- (a) Are fully informed about their responsibilities for implementing § 300.550; and
- (b) Are provided with technical assistance and training necessary to assist them in this effort.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(5))

#### § 300.556 Monitoring activities.

- (a) The SEA shall carry out activities to ensure that §300.550 is implemented by each public agency.
- (b) If there is evidence that a public agency makes placements that are inconsistent with §300.550, the SEA shall—
- (1) Review the public agency's justification for its actions; and
- (2) Assist in planning and implementing any necessary corrective action

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(5))

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

#### § 300.560 Definitions.

As used in §§ 300.560-300.577-

- (a) Destruction means physical destruction or removal of personal identifiers from information so that the information is no longer personally identifiable.
- (b) Education records means the type of records covered under the definition of "education records" in 34 CFR part 99 (the regulations implementing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974).
- (c) Participating agency means any agency or institution that collects, maintains, or uses personally identifiable information, or from which information is obtained, under Part B of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3, 1412(a)(8), 1417(c))

## § 300.561 Notice to parents.

(a) The SEA shall give notice that is adequate to fully inform parents about the requirements of §300.127, including—

- (1) A description of the extent that the notice is given in the native languages of the various population groups in the State;
- (2) A description of the children on whom personally identifiable information is maintained, the types of information sought, the methods the State intends to use in gathering the information (including the sources from whom information is gathered), and the uses to be made of the information;
- (3) A summary of the policies and procedures that participating agencies must follow regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention, and destruction of personally identifiable information; and
- (4) A description of all of the rights of parents and children regarding this information, including the rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and implementing regulations in 34 CFR part 99.
- (b) Before any major identification, location, or evaluation activity, the notice must be published or announced in newspapers or other media, or both, with circulation adequate to notify parents throughout the State of the activity.

 $(Authority: 20\ U.S.C.\ 1412(a)(8),\ 1417(c))$ 

### § 300.562 Access rights.

- (a) Each participating agency shall permit parents to inspect and review any education records relating to their children that are collected, maintained, or used by the agency under this part. The agency shall comply with a request without unnecessary delay and before any meeting regarding an IEP, or any hearing pursuant to §§300.507 and 300.521-300.528, and in no case more than 45 days after the request has been made.
- (b) The right to inspect and review education records under this section includes—
- (1) The right to a response from the participating agency to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the records:
- (2) The right to request that the agency provide copies of the records containing the information if failure to provide those copies would effectively prevent the parent from exercising the